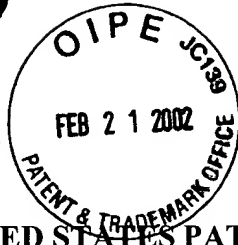


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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Further to the Amendment and Response filed on February 12, 2002, and in response to the Office Action of November 21, 2001 in the instant application, the following supplemental remarks are respectfully and timely submitted.

REMARKS

No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83 (a). This objection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner indicates that the means to diffuse, disperse or scatter light from said light sources in claims 1, 5 and 6 are not shown in the drawings. Means to diffuse, disperse or scatter light is described on page 9, lines 13-21 of the specification, i.e., "[e]ach substantially rigid light tube segment 14 comprises an extrusion of uniform cross-section in a plastics material selected so that it is translucent in a plastics material selected so that it is translucent in a manner whereby to diffuse, disperse or scatter the light emitted by the interior LEDs, ..." Accordingly, an embodiment of the "means to diffuse, disperse or scatter light from said light sources" in claims 1, 5 and 6 may be represented as an extrusion of uniform cross-section in a plastics material,